

is held on (supported by) a handbag **904** (and any equivalent thereof) of the user **900**. This is done while the user **900** holds the handbag **904**. For this case, the user support **106** is indirectly supported by the user **900**.

[0039] FIG. 2A, FIG. 2B and FIG. 2C depict side views of embodiments of the apparatus **100** of any one of FIG. 1A and FIG. 1B.

[0040] Referring to the embodiment as depicted in FIG. 2A, the lock device **104** is configured to be coupled to the garment support **102** in such a way that the lock device **104** is movable along a length of the garment support **102**. For instance, once the user garment **902** is received in a loop formed by the garment support **102**, the lock device **104** may be moved (is movable). This is done in such a way that the garment support **102** securely tightens around the user garment **902** thereby securely entrapping the user garment **902** in the garment support **102**, and prevents accidental slipping of the user garment **902** from the garment support **102**.

[0041] Referring to the embodiment as depicted in FIG. 2B, the lock device **104** is moved (is movable) along the length of the garment support **102** in such a way that the garment support **102** is made shorter and forms a relatively smaller loop.

[0042] Referring to the embodiment as depicted in FIG. 2C, the lock device **104** is moved (is movable) along the length of the garment support **102** in such a way that the garment support **102** is made longer and forms a relatively larger loop.

[0043] FIG. 3A and FIG. 3B depict side views of embodiments of the apparatus **100** of any one of FIG. 1A and FIG. 1B.

[0044] Referring to the embodiments as depicted in FIGS. 3A and 3B, the apparatus **100** is placed in a storage condition (state) in which the garment support **102**, the lock device **104** and the user support **106**, in combination, provide an aesthetically pleasing garment accessory. The aesthetically pleasing garment accessory is wearable by the user **900** once the user **900** supportably wears (directly or indirectly) the user support **106** for the case where the garment support **102** is empty and does not receive the user garment **902**.

[0045] Referring to the embodiment as depicted in FIG. 3A, in the storage condition, the garment support **102** and the user support **106** are positioned around the neck of the user **900**. The lock device **104** is positioned proximate to the neck of the user **900**.

[0046] Referring to the embodiment as depicted in FIG. 3B, in the storage condition, the garment support **102** and the user support **106** are positioned around the neck of the user **900**. The lock device **104** is spaced apart from the neck of the user **900** (dangling on the front side of the user **900** below the neck).

[0047] FIG. 4A and FIG. 4B depict side views of embodiments of the lock device **104** of any one of FIG. 1A and FIG. 1B.

[0048] Referring to the embodiment as depicted in FIG. 4A, the lock device **104** provides (forms) a first channel **108** and a second channel **110** that is spaced apart from the first channel **108**. The lock device **104** has (forms) an oval shape.

[0049] Referring to the embodiment as depicted in FIG. 4B, the lock device **104** has (forms) a FIG. 8 shape.

[0050] FIG. 5A, FIG. 5B and FIG. 5C depict side views of embodiments of the apparatus **100** of any one of FIG. 1A and FIG. 1B.

[0051] Referring to the embodiment as depicted in FIG. 5A, the apparatus **100** is placed in the storage condition (state) in which the garment support **102**, the lock device **104** and the user support **106**, in combination, provide an aesthetically pleasing garment accessory. The aesthetically pleasing garment accessory is wearable by the user **900** once the user **900** supportably wears (directly or indirectly) the user support **106** for the case where the garment support **102** is empty and does not receive the user garment **902**.

[0052] Referring to the embodiment as depicted in FIG. 5A, in the storage condition, the garment support **102** and the user support **106** are worn around the waist of the user **900**.

[0053] Referring to the embodiment as depicted in FIG. 5B, the garment support **102** includes two lengths of a fabric material that are sewn together with a stitching formation **112**. The user support **106** is looped around the garment support **102** (so that the user support **106** is now ready to be received by the user **900** of FIG. 5A in the storage condition of the apparatus **100**).

[0054] Referring to the embodiment as depicted in FIG. 5C, the user support **106** is no longer made to loop around the garment support **102** (so that the garment support **102** is now ready to receive the user garment in the garment-holding condition of the apparatus **100**).

[0055] FIG. 6A and FIG. 6B depict side views of embodiments of the apparatus **100** of any one of FIG. 1A and FIG. 1B.

[0056] Referring to the embodiment as depicted in FIG. 6A, the garment support **102** forms two separate fabric material portions that are not sewn together.

[0057] Referring to the embodiment as depicted in FIG. 6B, the two separate fabric material portions are configured to be tied together (to form a knot) thereby forming a loop configured to receive the user garment.

[0058] This written description uses examples to disclose the invention, including the best mode, and also to enable any person skilled in the art to make and use the invention. The patentable scope of the invention is defined by the claims, and may include other examples that occur to those skilled in the art. Such other examples are within the scope of the claims if they have structural elements that do not differ from the literal language of the claims, or if they include equivalent structural elements with insubstantial differences from the literal language of the claims.

[0059] It may be appreciated that the assemblies and modules described above may be connected with each other as required to perform desired functions and tasks within the scope of persons of skill in the art to make such combinations and permutations without having to describe each and every one in explicit terms. There is no particular assembly or component that may be superior to any of the equivalents available to the person skilled in the art. There is no particular mode of practicing the disclosed subject matter that is superior to others, so long as the functions may be performed. It is believed that all the crucial aspects of the disclosed subject matter have been provided in this document. It is understood that the scope of the present invention is limited to the scope provided by the independent claim(s), and it is also understood that the scope of the present invention is not limited to: (i) the dependent claims, (ii) the detailed description of the non-limiting embodiments, (iii) the summary, (iv) the abstract, and/or (v) the description provided outside of this document (that is, outside of the